



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The United States of America was founded upon the premise that all citizens should be able to enjoy the blessings of freedom and liberty; and
- WHEREAS: Enjoyed by all Americans, these rewards are the direct result of the countless sacrifices made by the men and women of our Armed Forces; and
- WHEREAS: Many members of the Royal Lao Armed Forces worked closely with United States Armed Forces from 1960 until 1975, to ensure the safety and success of American soldiers during the Vietnam War; and
- WHEREAS: Many members of the Royal Lao Armed Forces paid the ultimate sacrifice, and gave their lives in defense of freedom and liberty; and
- WHEREAS: The United States of America and the state of Minnesota owe a debt of gratitude to those in the Royal Lao Armed Forces, who served courageously and with honor in collaboration with the United States Armed Forces.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, March 22, 2014, as:

## ROYAL LAO ARMED FORCES DAY

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE